

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An impact absorption device comprising:

an impact absorption member formed of an extruded material, said impact absorption member extending along a longitudinal axis between opposing ends, said impact absorption member including an exterior wall having a generally circular shaped portion and a pair of end walls, said pair of end walls extending toward each other from opposite sides of said circular shaped portion, said exterior wall including a flanged portion having a center wall extending between a pair of generally parallel side walls, said flanged portion extending continuously between said center wall and said pair of end walls, said flanged portion extending to at least one of said opposing ends, the other of said opposing ends having a circular cross section;

a mounting member for mounting said impact absorption member to an object to be protected from direct impact; and

a bracket coupled to said mounting member, said bracket having a back wall and a pair of arms defining an opening to allow insertion of said flange portion therebetween in a direction generally normal to said longitudinal axis of said absorption member.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said exterior wall of said absorption member includes a plurality of elongated lobes operative to reduce surface friction upon impact with the device.

4. (Previously Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said exterior walls defines an interior volume filled with an impact absorbent material.

5. (Previously Amended) The device of claim 4 wherein said impact absorbent material is formed of polyurethane.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said bracket is adapted to be removably secured to a plurality of impact absorption members.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The device of claim 1 wherein An impact absorption device comprising:~~

an impact absorption member formed of an extruded material, said impact absorption member extending along a longitudinal axis between opposing ends, said impact absorption member including an exterior wall having a generally circular shaped portion and a pair of end walls, said pair of end walls extending toward each other from opposite sides of said circular shaped portion, said exterior

wall including a flanged portion having a center wall extending between a pair of generally parallel side walls, said flanged portion extending continuously between said center wall and said pair of end walls, said center wall includes having spaced apart notches formed substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said impact absorption member and wherein said sidewalls have spaced apart apertures formed therein substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis;

a mounting member for mounting said impact absorption member to an object to be protected from direct impact; and

a bracket coupled to said mounting member, said bracket having a back wall and a pair of arms defining an opening to allow insertion of said flange portion therebetween in a direction generally normal to said longitudinal axis of said absorption member.

9. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said mounting member attaches to the object at an end having an indentation that is complementary to a surface of the object.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

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19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)